Weymouth. Oct 27. 1850

Dear Mr Estlin,

Your very kind note of Oct 8 was received last week & I should have answered it by the next mail for England, but for a circumstance which I will allude to by & bye. A few days after came Mrs Thomas's letter and your personal note. For both communications, believe me truly grateful & whenever you can find leisure & disposition to write I shall esteem your letters personal favours. I did not answer you last spring, fearing to intrude on the devotions of a very grave and dignified gentleman who though laudably willing to give up time to the cause of the slave might not choose to be drawn into an idle correspondence with a very

unimportant a personage as myself. But if Emma & Lizzy are not afraid of you, I may surely take courage myself & depend no longer altogether on your kind agreeable letters for intelligence of those whom now we cannot but regard as dear personal friends.

Miss Estlin is altogether mistaken in supposing my correspondence very extensive. I write, it is true, many letters in connexion with the Fair & the Liberty Bell, but this labour only occurs at particular periods of the year & is much of a business transaction, the details in every case so nearly identical, that to turn from them to an interchange of thought & feeling with people whom I really like is a positive relief. I correspond with my friends abroad (my female

I should say / with R. D. Webb & with three or four people in America. This is the amount of my correspondence & I do not find it onerous, except perhaps just before & after the Bazaar when as I have not Mrs Chapman's executive dispatch I sometimes become a little tired and anxious & talk about my nerves & threaten to take valerian. This year however I am greatly relieved by Mr Dennis's kindness in undertaking the publication of The Liberty Bell, I promising to do it as its pecuniary agent & raise the necessary funds. As I only apply to personal friends, or at least well wishers, I find it a much easier work than quarrelling with Printers & disputing with Book binders. So you see Miss Estlin & yourself may think of me as an idle leisurely person after all.

and now for the circumstance
why I did not write immediately
& why I would like to wait still
longer, were I not unwilling to
seem ungrateful for your kind
help in writing with so much
interest about me & mine.
The truth is I am a little
anxious, a little perplexed & very
impatient, consequently in no
state of mind favorable to love
or agreeable communication. You will
not wonder then that this should be
the case when I tell you that
we have not received a line
from my sisters since the 21st
of August. Caroline then wrote
from Heidelberg saying that they
should leave for Switzerland in
a day or two. We have never
heard of their reaching Interlaken
but through your note of Oct 3.
We were thankful indeed for
the information & only wished you
had mentioned the dates of the Swiss
letters

20/ the gentleman of Phil'a who
arrived from Europe in the last
Steamer, accidentally meeting
my brother in New York spoke
of having traveled among the
alps in company with his sister,
but Warren did not learn, at
least did not write home the
date of this meeting either so
you can imagine how great
our anxiety & perplexity is.
At first we were very angry
then we were very anxious, for
some one of the party has before
this written every fortnight
without fail, but as so long a
time has elapsed, Was they have
written to you from St Lawrence,
we can but console ourselves with the
thought that nothing worse
than the loss of letters has
occurred, that they are all
well, & not owing to blame but
the vile Swiss Post Offices.

Having heard so little from them of late, you may imagine how delightful any continental sketches German ones in particular, would have been from yourself & Miss Estlin. I wish we may have them by & bye. Emma spoke of her very charming visit to Baden & promised full particulars in her next — that next which we are waiting for as those that wait for the morning.

I shall tell you very frankly that I was much pleased to hear that you liked our family. We are so disliked by most people for our Anti Slavery position that we do not in general have fair play. This is not a very unfortunate situation to occupy & I can particularly glad that Emma & the children should make friends, & mix with perfect ease

the natural circumstances that surround other young people. We are a very lively cheerful family who have always taken for our motto "that it is a very small thing to be judged of man's judgment," & thus we have avoided some of the worst evils which attend to our peculiar position, fear, suspicion, jealousy, envy & all those petty little vices that are apt to beset people who feel that they are unjustly unpopular. But I will not be so shockingly egotistical any longer. I only am trying to explain why it is that the love & regard of others is more valued by us than by most people when we chance to get it.

I will write at some future time my opinion as to a residence in France, but what do you mean by talking about my darling little Annie's Frenchified manners? She is the most pleasant

part about Frances reading
heartily, meaning just what he
says. You may do not misinterpret any
thing to the contrary.

I have not seen Mr Mary
for some time, but hope he
will be at Weymouth this week
& then I will communicate
all your messages, as also
that to Mr Phillips who lectures
here on Heaven next Thursday.
I have had a letter from Mr
Mary in which he speaks of a
very interesting letter received
from you. He has been attending
the Women's Rights Convention at
Worcester of which I am very
curious to hear the details. But
he will write to you about it.

We are at present very busy
in preparing for our Cattle Show
next Fair. We do not make
a great deal of money but
it does a good work among the
people.

3/ The whole country is more really & thoroughly stirred on the fugitive slave question than ever before. It is really brought home to every man's conscience. I cannot but hope that it may be found that a fugitive cannot be taken out of Boston. Should it be otherwise, my discouragement will be great. Theodore Parker is preaching & acting in the most noble & fearless manner. But you are so fully aware that I dislike his doctrines, I am answering you should know I admire his practice. You will see by the Unitarian papers, that that very devout Mr Gannett behaved the other day at Springfield as might have been expected. I think him the wickedest minister in the city of Boston (I think is saying a great deal)

but as I believe good Mary Carpenter has some liking for him, you need not repeat to her what I say. Otherwise the whole world is welcome to my opinion.

I am very sorry you have been so ill. There is nothing I dread like illness either for myself or others. The people who can receive it quietly & meekly must be eminent saints.

I am a little afraid that I have bored you, but after I have heard from Switzerland I shall do better. I shall write to Miss Estlin tomorrow.

I am, dear Mr Estlin,
yrs most truly
A. W. Weston.

I send the No of the Liberator as yr request.